



Growing Together

Monthly Newsletter of Columbia University's
Manhattanville in West Harlem Campus Plan

Over the next three decades, Columbia's long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

Project Scope

The first phase of the project will include the Jerome L. Greene Science Center; a new location for the Columbia Business School, the School of International and Public Affairs, and the School of the Arts; as well as a permanent site for the newly opened Columbia-assisted public secondary school for math, science, and engineering. Later phases will emphasize interdisciplinary scholarship, including biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, systems biology, and urban and population studies, as well as housing for graduate students and faculty.

Construction Activity

Utility Improvements

Columbia University, in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection standards, is undertaking a street utility relocation, reconstruction and drainage improvement project to replace outdated 19th-century sewage and water main systems in the Manhattanville area of West Harlem. This project will improve service to the surrounding community as well as to the University.

Abatement and Demolition

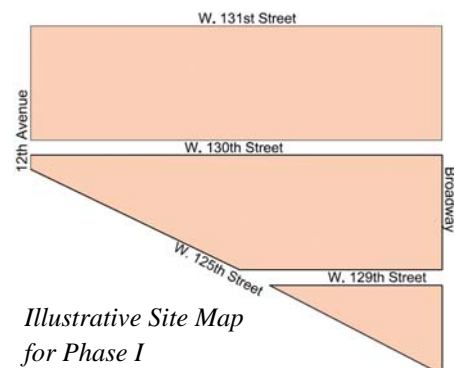
The abatement and demolition of certain buildings presently located in the project area will occur in phases and utilize environmentally sustainable best practices. Columbia has a strong commitment to maintaining the safety of the job site and of the surrounding community. Preventative safety measures include sidewalk bridging, new construction fencing, scaffolding and netting, site safety management and on-site loading areas.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these improvement projects.

What to Expect

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming months:

- **Installation of new gas piping** on the west side of Broadway between 125th Street and 131st Street
 - Work hours are 10:00 PM–6:00 AM (work will start at 11:00 PM on the sidewalk in front of 3205-3219 Broadway) Monday through Friday
 - This work is scheduled to be completed by early November
- **Installation of new water mains** on the west side of Broadway between 125th Street and 131st Street; and at the corner of 125th Street and 129th Street
 - Work hours are 9:00 PM–6:00 AM Monday through Friday
 - This work is scheduled to be completed by mid-November
- **Set up activities in preparation for abatement and demolition** of certain University properties in the block bordered by 12th Avenue, 130th Street, Broadway and 129th Street. Activities include the installation of construction fencing, protective sidewalk bridging, scaffolding, and the start of some abatement work.
- **Temporary traffic lane or street closures** around the project area during work hours. Advance notification will be included in the look aheads published weekly and on the project Web site.



*Illustrative Site Map
for Phase I*

Recent News

Columbia University and City of New York Welcomes 22 New Minority-, Women- and Locally-Owned Business to Construction Certificate/Mentorship Program



Columbia University Facilities and the University's School of Continuing Education, in partnership with New York City's Department of Small Business Services (SBS), welcomed 22 new minority-, women-, and locally-owned (MWL) businesses to its Construction Certificate/Mentorship Program during a kick-off orientation and networking reception. The firms comprise the second cohort of the two-year certificate/mentorship program, designed to help MWL-certified businesses in the construction field build capacity and access opportunities for designated contracts with the University.

Since its launch in January 2008, 18 MWL firms remain active in the mentorship program. All of the active firms have had an opportunity to bid on Columbia University construction projects and 10 of the firms have bid successfully and won one or more projects at the University, totaling more than \$5 million in awards.

During the past three fiscal years, Columbia spent about \$179 million in construction and repair and maintenance services with MWL firms, representing approximately 30 percent of its total spend for these services.

Columbia University Hosts Art Exhibition in Manhattanville

Columbia University, in partnership with the Harlem Arts Alliance, is hosting an art exhibition entitled *Moods of Nature: an exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture and photographs inspired by nature and the Wellington Farms*. Featuring Harlem and upstate NY artists.

Exhibition Dates: October 5, 2009 - December 3, 2009
General Gallery Hours: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Reality House at 637 West 125th Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Employment and Construction Opportunities

We expect the Manhattanville in West Harlem campus plan to create numerous opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience. Specific opportunities will be announced as the project progresses. If you are interested in finding out more about job opportunities at Columbia, please visit <http://jobs.columbia.edu>. You are also invited to visit the Columbia University Employment Information Center in person at 3180 Broadway (just south of West 125th Street). As a service to those interested in employment with construction firms currently working at Columbia, we have developed a referral process at <http://www.facil.columbia.edu/cref>. If you are interested in potential construction contracting opportunities, visit <http://facilities.columbia.edu/bid> for upcoming bid opportunities.

Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Newsletter & Look Ahead Distribution

This newsletter and two week look ahead advance notifications will be available at the following locations, as well as other locations throughout the Manhattanville area:

- Community Board 9, 16-18 Old Broadway at 126th Street
- Columbia University Employment Information Center, 3180 Broadway just south of West 125th Street
- Studebaker Café, 615 West 131st Street between Broadway & 12th Avenue
- Reality House, 637 West 125th Street between Broadway & 12th Avenue
- Columbia University Visitors Center, 213 Low Library at 116th Street and Broadway
- Posted adjacent to 3229 Broadway at West 130th Street
- On the Web at <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>

Contact Information

Should you have a question about construction activity, we encourage you to call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or e-mail Columbia University Facilities Construction Business Services at projx@columbia.edu.

You can also find updated project information on our Neighbors Web site at: <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>.